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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/724,822

Filing Date: November 28, 2000

For: METHODS OF TREATING LUPUS  
BASED ON ANTIBODY AFFINITY  
AND SCREENING METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS FOR USE THEREOF

Examiner: B. Puri

Group Art Unit: 1633

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2001 (Paper No. 5) for which  
a response is due on January 4, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

## REMARKS

### Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has imposed a restriction between Group I (claims 1-51) and Group II (claims 52-64).

Applicants hereby elects Group 1 (claims 1-51), without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application or continuation application directed to the nonelected or other unclaimed subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 252312007400. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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